City of Lafayette Staff Report

For:	Lafayette City Council
By:	Jennifer Russell, Parks, Trails & Recreation Director
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Subject:	Measure WW funds

Introduction

On May 26, 2009, Mayor Tatzin directed Council Member Anduri to work with the Open Space Committee and the PTR Commission regarding the joint use of Measure WW funds. On July 22, 2009, Council Member Anduri presided over a discussion where representatives of the PTR Commission and Open Space Committee discussed their various funding needs and project goals.

After both groups had their say, there was consensus that a reasonable compromise was to split the funds equally between parks, trails and recreation projects and potential open space acquisitions that successfully meet the Measure WW requirements. Council Member Anduri asked the PTR Commission and Open Space Committee representatives to take the 50/50 split idea to their two respective groups and then forward the recommendations to the City Council.

Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission Action

At its August 12, 2009 regular meeting, the PTR Commission discussed the proposed 50/50 split idea and how it affected the Capital Improvement Program. Although the loss of funds causes significant delays of some of the projects, the Commission recognized there were other city priorities; namely the potential of important open space properties becoming available for purchase, and passed the following motion:

THE PTR COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATION TO SPLIT THE MEASURE WW FUNDS EQUALLY BETWEEN PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROJECTS AND THE PURCHASE OF OPEN SPACE. (AYES: 6, NO: 1, ABSENT: 1)

It should be noted that, use of Measure WW funds for either PTR projects or Open Space acquisitions will be revisited on an annual basis during the city budget cycle.

Recommendation

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